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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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January 16, 2003

Dear Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

As a wireless phone customer, I am contacting you to express my anger concerning the proposed wireless number take away in the 310 and 909 area codes in California.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) wants to take away my mobile phone number, and those of millions of others in Southern California, and give them to new landline telephone customers. If the CPUC proposal is approved, every affected wireless phone will have to have its number reprogrammed. I will be forced to notify my friends, family, customers and clients of the number change -- all at my own expense. My time is precious to me and I will end up spending days contacting people with the change. I will need to order new business cards and redistribute to all of my clients.

And, I'm not the only one who will have to face this ordeal. The San Bernadino Sun writes, "roughly 3 million customers" will be affected by this take away scheme, which is not only anti-consumer, but also anti-competitive and discriminatory. I will be forced to dial ten digits just to reach local, wireline phones, and vice versa, while only wireline customers would retain seven-digit dialing, and then only to call one another. This simply isn't fair; everyone should be treated equally. In addition, there are many wireless users who use their phone in the car. As distracting as that is, do we really want the user to be distracted even longer by dialing extra digits on their phone?

There is an alternative. An all services overlay would allow me and every other existing customer to keep our numbers, and wireless and wireline customers would be treated the same.

Wireless users should not be singled out in order to solve the state's number crunch, I urge you to consider an all services overlay.

Please take this letter in the highest consideration for the change will greatly affect me with a negative impact.

Thank you,



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